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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Submitted herewith for the record and the Examiner's consideration is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report in International Application No. PCT/JP2003/005358, of which the present application is the U.S. National Phase filing.

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